



# MANATABA MESSENGER

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## Tribes pitch in to help Salome, Quartzsite, build new facilities

Revenue from the BlueWater Resort and Casino is not just helping the Colorado River Indian Tribes, it is also strengthening and improving other neighboring communities.

The latest examples occurred in September when the Tribal Council approved a grant of \$47,000 to the Town of Quartzsite to buy a new modular building to use as a children's library and recreation center. And in June, the Council approved an even larger grant of \$49,239 to La Paz County to help build a new community center in Salome.

Quartzsite officials are designing and building the new buildings but lack the funds to finish the project.

Likewise, communities of Salome and Wenden are designing and building a community center to serve their residents, but lack the funds needed to buy and install a proper climate-control system.

Now, with CRIT's help, Quartzsite will have its library and the Salome community center will have a new HVAC air conditioning and heating system. As part of its gaming compact, CRIT has agreed to distribute 12 percent its annual contribution to the State of Arizona. But that distribution can go either to "cities, towns or counties for government services that

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## Mobile home park manager evicted after years of unpaid rent, residents to be unaffected

The Colorado River Indian Tribes have moved to evict the manager and lease holder of the Water Wheel Camp Recreation Area, a mobile home park on tribal land in California.

Robert Johnson has managed Water Wheel for several years but his lease ran out in July. The CRIT tribal council evicted Johnson on Oct. 1 and will take over management of the park. CRIT is also seeking damages because Johnson has refused to pay his rent for the last two years, according to CRIT Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.

"Mr. Johnson has overstayed his lease and he owes the Tribes a substantial sum of money," Eddy said. "The Tribes have been extremely patient with Mr. Johnson despite his longtime refusal to adhere to the community's laws as a sovereign nation or to the BIA's

regulation as a federal authority. That patience has come to an end."

Johnson has also reportedly threatened to evict tenants at the park who wish to pay their rent directly to the tribes instead of him. CRIT Council Member Herman "TJ" Laffoon stressed that the legal action would have no bearing on the residents currently living in the park.

"The Tribes have no intention of terminating the rights of sub-lease holders to be in the park," Laffoon said. "We hope that they all choose to stay provided that they continue to comply with their rental agreements."

The Water Wheel lease was originally negotiated

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## CRIT Names Armstrong New Chief of Police

### *First Goal: More Officers, Proactive Policing*

In 2005, two years before he was elected to the CRIT Tribal Council, Richard Marvin Armstrong retired as the Bureau of Indian Affairs Special Agent in Charge for the Plains Region in South Dakota, capping a 30-year career in law enforcement.

It turned out to be a short retirement.

The veteran lawman-turned-community leader was appointed and sworn in as Chief of the CRIT tribal police department on Aug. 31, ending a long nationwide search. The department had been without a permanent leadership since late February when then Police Chief Ken Schwab retired. Schwab served as chief a total of seven years over two different terms.

"I have no doubts that Chief Armstrong will make our police department stronger than it's ever been,

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## Miss CRIT Pageant



Miss CRIT this year is Talyia Carter (left), Junior Miss CRIT is Mariah Charles (right), and Little Miss CRIT is Lauryn Miller (center).

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## News & Information From Your Tribal Council



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## Wal-Mart set to break ground in February, will open in late 2008

The long-awaited Wal-Mart store will break ground in February on CRIT-owned land across from the Moovalya Plaza on Riverside.

Tribal Planner Rick Ench said the Tribes have signed a lease with Wal-Mart and it's expected that the Bureau of Indian Affairs will sign its portion of the lease soon.

The ground-breaking will represent a culmination of more than a year and half of negotiations, design work and other approvals for the CRIT Tribal Council. Ench said Wal-Mart's typically take about nine to 10 months to construct.

When built, the 99,000 square-foot store will be another example of CRIT's expanded economic development holdings, which include casino gaming, farming and other enterprises. The store's construction and operation will also be an important source of employment and tax revenue for CRIT members. When opened, the store will have approximately 200 employees.

Ench said the TERO office will assist members seeking work on both the store's construction, and when it opens.

## CRIT Deputy AG takes over Skywalk, other Hualapai enterprises

CRIT deputy attorney general Lola Wood has left her position to become General Manager for Grand Canyon West, an economic enterprise of her native Hualapai Indian Community that includes the new Grand Canyon Skywalk.

The CRIT Tribal Council thanks Wood for her service and wishes her well in her new pursuits.

## Talyia Carter crowned Miss CRIT 2007-08

Talyia Carter, 16, was crowned Miss Colorado River Indian Tribes for 2007-08 during the 46th annual pageant Oct. 3 at Manataba Park Stage.

Carter is the daughter of Victoria Esquerre and the late David Carter. She is of the Hopi, Mohave, and Pima descent and is a sophomore at Parker High School. Carter sang a family song and performed the Mohave Bird dance.

The First Attendant was Irene Soliz, a Chemehuevi and the daughter of Amanda Sharpe and the late Hector Soliz. Irene is a 2005 Parker High School graduate and works as a security officer at the Bluewater Casino. She was the recipient of the Most Traditional and Talent Awards. Soliz performed to a Chemehuevi song sung by Mr. Larry Eddy.

The Second Attendant was Hollie Holmes, a Mohave, Papago, and Paiute. She is the daughter of Doreen Booth and Darryl Lee Holmes, Sr. Hollie is a 2004 Parker High School graduate and is employed at the CRIT Theatres. She plans to continue her educational endeavors at San Juan College in New Mexico. Holmes received the Neat-As-A Pin and Miss Congeniality Awards. Holmes encouragingly provided two Mohave Bird dances with the help of the "next generation" youth dancers and singers.

The 12th Junior Miss Queen for 2007-08 is Mariah Charles. The 14-year-old Charles is the daughter of Ron and Lillian Charles and is a sophomore at Parker High School. For her talent Charles offered a PowerPoint presentation about the importance of the Mesquite and gave a bird dance performance. Charles is of Mohave, Paiute, and Tohono O'odham decent. She also received the Most Traditional and Talent honors.

Jessie Swick was named the First Attendant. She is the daughter of Lisa Swick. Swick also gave a PowerPoint presentation giving recognition to those who played a significant part in her life. She also performed the Chemehuevi basket dance with a song sung by Larry Eddy. Jessie is 15 years old and a freshman at Parker High School where she plays on the volleyball team. She received the Neat-As-Pin and Miss Congeniality Awards.

Second Attendant Honors went to Aileen

Ameelyenah, 14, who is Mohave and Navajo. She is the daughter of Derrick and Cynthia Ameelyenah. She is a freshman at Parker High school and a member of the volleyball team and an honor student. She performed two Mohave two-step bird dances.

The 38th Little Miss CRIT is Lauryn Miller, the 7-year-old daughter of Alia McCabe and Dustin Miller. She is Navajo, Mohave and Chemehuevi. Miller is in the 1st grade at Blake Primary School. She also received the Neat-As-A-Pin award. For her talent she gave her rendition of Navajo weaving.

First Attendant, Little Miss is Ashley Nez, 10, a fifth grader at LePera School. Her parents are Kevin and Liana Nez. She is of Chemehuevi, Navajo, and Apache decent and received the Miss Congeniality Award. Ashley performed the jingle dress dance for her talent.

Nizhoni Begaye, age 12 and a sixth grader at Wallace Elementary, took Second Attendant and received the coveted Most Traditional and Talent awards. Begaye's parents are Gabe and Fawn Begaye and of the Navajo and Hopi/Tewa tribes. Nizhoni sang a song especially written for her.

Little Miss CRIT-Third Attendant is Samantha Rodriguez, 8, the daughter of Liberty Enas and Joseph Enas. Samantha is a Mohave and in the third grade at LaPera School. For her talent she performed a Mohave Bird dance.

The CRIT Royalty would like to thank the following for their time/efforts and/or monetary contribution to the pageants: Blue Water Resort & Casino, CRIT Recreation; Colorado River Building Materials; CRIT Sand & Rock; CRIT Farms; Sparkletts Water; Cogent Realty Services, Big River Development, CRIT Maintenance, CRIT Environmental, CRIT Utilities, Randy Tahbo, Tayla Tahbo; Nathan Torres, Derrick Ameelyenah, Brad Scott, Sierra Charles, Eric Hunter, Fawn Tahbo, Ducky Boys Boxing Club, CRIT Headstart Mohave Dance Troop, and especially CRIT Fish & Game, CRIT Police Department, and CRIT Fire Department, and CRIT Tribal Council.

Thank you all for participating and making these pageants another year of success.

## We want to hear from you!

The *Manataba Messenger* encourages letters to the editor. Share your thoughts on key issues and tell us about things the people of CRIT might find of interest. We will publish a maximum of 250 words; longer letters will be edited for length.

You may send letters to:

26600 Mohave Road Parker, AZ 85344

You may also e-mail letters to feedback @critonline.com



# Messy treats score big in October photo contest



Congratulations goes to Queenabella Fisher, at age 2, for taking first place with her messy meal time photo (top left). She will receive \$100.

Second prize goes to Titus Warner, age 5, for reminding us how fun it is to enjoy a creamy treat. This photograph was taken on his Head Start graduation trip to San Diego (top right). He will receive \$50.

Third place goes to Jayde Booth, 2, daughter of Cheanne Hunter-Scott. Picture was taken over Labor Day at the BlueWater Casino on the beach (above right).

Honorable mention goes again to an older Queenabella Fisher and Marcaleen V. Moreno, 8 months old, with her mom Arlinda Setoyant.

## Submit now, win big in December

Your photo gems could be worth \$100. Enter today for your chance to win. The deadline for submissions for the December issue is November 15.

You must be a tribal member, and no professional portraits are eligible. Send your picture to: *Manataba Messenger*, C/O Rose & Allyn, 7051 E. 5th Avenue, Suite B, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Or, you may just e-mail a high-resolution photo entry to feedback @critonline.com





# Penn's 'Into the Wild' credits CRIT, features local footage

*Film crew enjoyed CRIT community, other Arizona locales, says producer*

The CRIT community—particularly areas of the lower Colorado River and the town of Parker—play a distinct cameo role in the new film *Into the Wild*, directed by Oscar-winning actor Sean Penn.

The film, which was released in September and features spectacular scenery from across the western United States, gives thanks to CRIT in its credits. Penn and his crew spent four days in the Parker area shooting scenes, where they befriended many local residents and business owners.

In an interview with the *Manataba Messenger*, *Into the Wild* executive producer John J. Kelly said CRIT and other tribes on the Colorado River “were instrumental in making this movie.”

“We received a ton of help and support from several Indian nations,” said the 40-year-old Kelly, himself an Arizona native who grew up in Glendale and attended Arizona State University. “They all were extremely helpful and supportive, and we made sure to keep in mind their restrictions. They were a wonderful help and I would love the chance to shoot in that area again.”

*Into the Wild* is an adaptation of a best-selling book by Jon Krakauer that recounts the life and death of a young idealist named Christopher McCandless. McCandless, who grew up wealthy in Virginia and was well-educated, left behind his life and family in the early 1990s to travel through the American wilderness, including down the Colorado River and ultimately to Alaska, where his journey met a tragic but enduringly compelling end. McCandless died of starvation, but left behind diaries recounting his journeys.

The film stars Emile Hirsch as McCandless and also features Vince Vaughn and William Hurt. But the character who struck a chord in Parker was Penn, the sometimes controversial and overtly political actor who stepped behind the camera for this film.

Penn frequented OB's Pub in Parker during the shoot, coming in with a friend one night and bringing in more than 40 cast and crew members the following night, said Barbara Snider, a bartender at the pub.

“He was a really nice guy,” Snider said. “I was tending bar that night, and he was real nice and polite, and he signed autographs for everybody. He just acted

like a normal person. The place was packed.”

While they were in town, the crew temporarily shut down several streets near the pub to film a scene, and put out a casting call for local extras.



*Into the Wild star Emile Hirsch films a scene on the Colorado River.*

## Library news: second Mohave language class a success; repairs begun to roof

In July and August the CRIT library hosted a second Level I Mohave Language class. The eight classes centered on Mohave greetings, family relationship, food, commands, mountains and phrases for daily speech. Those enrolled in the class were Rosemary Little, Denton Scott, Terrilynn Little, Angela Salazar, Titus Welsh, Ingrid Stanley and Colleen Humeumtewa. The class was conducted by Amelia Flores, who also developed the syllabus with lesson plans. The late Mr. Larry Gates, Sr. was also instrumental at the beginning of the class.

Two posters, “What Can We Do to Save the Mohave Language?” and “Why are You Taking the Class?” were designed by the students. These posters are on display in the library and in the front lobby of the Accounting office.

The library will continue holding the Mohave Language Level I class and are designing a Level II class for implementation. If you would like more information, please call the CRIT Library at 669-1332.

### Other Library Activities

Individuals from the community got a jump start on Christmas by attending “Learn How to Make Beaded Santa Claus Earrings” classes on September 18-20th. Instructor for the classes was Cynthia Hough. A “Curly Necklace” beading class for students is planned in November.

### Library Renovation News

Renovations for the library have begun, starting with the roof. Alvin Ameelyenah, owner of Rez Works Construction, will be working on the project.

The plans also include converting the restrooms into handicapped accessibility, enlarging the computer and children's spaces, and designing a new area for the Archives. We will continue to update the tribal membership as work progresses.



*Members of the Mohave language class: Rosemary Little, Denton Scott, Terrilynn Little, Angela Salazar, Titus Welsh, Ingrid Stanley and Colleen Humeumtewa.*



*Workers repair the CRIT library roof.*

## Free basic computer classes now offered to all at CRIT library

By Gilford Harper  
*CRIT Library Computer Technology Specialist*

The CRIT Library offers computer classes free of charge to the public in its computer lab. Classes offered are:

- Basic Adobe Photoshop 6 and Illustrator 8
- Microsoft Office 2003: Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Beginning Access, Outlook, Publisher
- Microsoft Windows-based programs

Registration is required, and can be completed by calling the Library at 928.669.1332. Students receive hands-on computer training.

The library also provides computer training to tribal and Parker community through our Mobile Computer Lab. Employees, groups or organizations that cannot make it to the library due to time constraints can experience “hands-on” access using our nine laptops made available through a grant from the Arizona State Library. Some of the classes already held include:

### Computer Basics

What is a computer? How does it work? How do I use one or even turn it on?

### Introduction to the Internet IE7

Learn the basics of “surfing the Net.” Students will learn how to use the Internet Explorer browser and be introduced to a few search engines and their functions.

### Introduction and Intermediate Microsoft Publisher 2007

Are you tired of depending on Hallmark to create your greeting cards? Do you want to design your own professional fliers, calendars, and even websites?



# Events & Entertainment at the BlueWater Resort & Casino and Dig Lounge October & November 2007

## OCTOBER

On Thursday October 18th, 2007 will be the Relics-n-Rods **“Run to the Sun”** Car Run. BlueWater Resort & Casino is the final stop for this annual run. Come in and see over 200 Custom Cars and Hot Rods between the hours of 11 am to 3 pm here at BlueWater. For more information on this annual event contact Walter or Beverly Foxcroft at 928-453-9683 or email at foxcrofts@yahoo.com

On Saturday October 20th, 2007 will be the **3rd Annual BlueWater Resort & Casino ‘300’ Enduro**. Once again BlueWater Resort & Casino will play host to one of the greatest spectacles in boat racing —The ‘300’ Enduro. On October 20th the calms waters of the Colorado River in Parker, Arizona will see some familiar faces and some brand new ones that are up to the challenge. 60 laps from BlueWater to Badenoch’s will test the mettle and will power of the racers and their equipment. This race is model after the original 1964 “Parker Enduro”. For more information on this event contact Ross Wallach at 562-633-6200 or email at rossdbos26@yahoo.com

October 25th to the 28th, 2007 will be the **“BlueWater River Run 2007”**. Come join us at the Avi Suquilla airport in Parker, Arizona for this annual event. Giant Scale Radio-controlled Model Airplane Racing at it’s best! Scale models of Reno-styles air racers with actual speeds over 200 mph! Free admission and races start at 9 am each day. For more information on this event contact Denny or Barbara Baker at 925-513-1224 or email at Race690@aol.com.

On Wednesday October 31st, 2007 will be the **Annual Halloween Costume Party** in the Dig Lounge. Cash prizes will be award for the Best Costumes. \$500 for 1st place, \$300 for 2nd place and \$200 for 3rd place. For more information contact Dempsey Holt at 669-7035.

The following groups will be performing in the Dig Lounge Tuesday thru Sunday:

Oct 2nd – Oct 7th **“Vital Signs”** Four piece band playing hits from Classic Dance tunes, 50-60’s, Disco, Modern Rock & Alternative.

Oct 9th – Oct 14th **“Voo Doo”** Female fronting a 3-piece band playing Top 40 Dance/Classic Rock.

Oct 16th – Oct 21st **“The Mix”** Female fronting a three-piece band playing a wide variety of Dance Music, Classic Rock & Latin.

Oct 23rd – Oct 28th **“Pilot”** Female fronting a three-piece band playing Rhythm & Blues from the 50-60’s, Top 40 Dance, Classic Rock, Old School & Disco.

## NOVEMBER

Saturday November 3rd, 2007 BlueWater Resort & Casino will be the host property and title sponsor for the **“Dam to Dam BlueWater Big Bass Classic” Bass Tournament**. Local anglers vie for the guaranteed \$1,000.00 first prize for this event, payout to 7th place based on numbers of entries (100% payback). Tournament is limited to the first thirty teams.

Saturday November 10th, 2007 will be the **2nd Annual Veteran’s Recognition Day** to be held at the BlueWater Amphitheatre. More information on this event contact Beatrice Herder at 928-216-0446, Agresta Hooper at 602-882-1169, Ronda Flores at 928-916-3444 and Phoebe Welch at 928-6624424.

On Sunday November 11th, 2007 will be the **7th Annual BlueWater Resort & Casino Triathlon**. Talented triathletes from all over the Southwest will be descending on Parker, Arizona to participate in this swim, bike and run event. Triathletes know that Parker is a tourist destination and have the added value of a first class multi-sport event to enhance their weekend experience. The triathlon starts on the beautiful BlueWater Resort & Casino with a one-mile swim in the Colorado River, then athletes mount their bikes for a 34 mile course into Parker over the bridge in California and up and over Parker Dam. Returning to BlueWater and the marina via Hwy B-95. The triathletes then put on their running shoes for a 5-mile run and the event finishes at the Resort atrium. For more information on this annual event contact Eddie Carlin at 928-526-8761 website at www.mountainmaneevents.com

On Saturday November 17th, 2007 will be the **Annual Fall Gathering**. In concert with the Colorado River Indian Tribes, BlueWater Resort & Casino proudly hosts the Annual Fall Gathering. The gathering will be held in Mohave I & II Conference Rooms on November 17th. This event will focus on the preservation of Authentic Tribal Dance, song and Authentic Handmade Arts & Crafts. For more information and times for this event contact Ron Charles at 928-669-7037 or rcharles@bluewaterfun.com.

Sunday November 18th, 2007 BlueWater Resort & Casino proudly presents **“Bill Medley”**. Bill Medley of Righteous Brother fame will be performing two shows on Sunday November 18th in the Bingo Concert Hall. Doors open at 5 pm for the first show at 6 pm and reopen at 8 pm for the second show at 8:30 pm. Ticket prices are \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show and go on sale Monday October 1st in the Gift Shop.

On Friday & Saturday November 23rd & 24th, 2007 BlueWater Resort & Casino proudly presents **The 61st Annual Thanksgiving Regatta**—Speed Boats Races. The roar of the speedboats returns to the Colorado River for the 61st Annual Thanksgiving Regatta. Once again BlueWater Resort & Casino will be the host property for this annual event. Come watch this annual event as the Southern California

Speedboat Club presents some of the fastest boats on the water. Boats include Stock Outboards, Pro-stock, GN’s, Cracker Box, Tunnel light and K-boats, etc., etc. All races to be held in front of the beach area of BlueWater on Friday & Saturday November 23rd & 24th, 2007. For more information on this The 61st Annual Thanksgiving Regatta contact Ross Wallach at the race hotline 310-318-4012 or rossdboss26@yahoo.com or the website at www.scsracing.com

**Lighted Boat Parade** – Mark your calendar for Saturday November 24th and come join us for the Parker’s annual Lighted Boat Parade. The parade ends at the Captain Jack’s Cantina located at the BlueWater Resort & Casino beach. Santa will be



*Singer Bill Medley*

on hand to check to see who has been naughty or nice. Come check out this unique event. For more information and to pick up an application for this event contact the Parker Area Chamber of Commerce at 928-669-2174.

The following groups will be performing in the Dig Lounge Wednesday thru Saturday:

Oct 31st to Nov 3rd **“Vegas Road Show”** Female fronting a three-piece band playing hits from the 50-80’s, Classic Rock and Country.

Nov 7th – Nov 10th **“Swift Kick”** Female fronting a three-piece band specializing in current dance music along with selections from the 50-90’s.

Nov 14th – Nov 17th **“LA Lyon”** Female fronting a three-piece band playing Variety Dance Music, Disco and Rhythm & Blues.

Nov 21st – Nov 24th **“Pilot”** Female fronting a three-piece band playing Rhythm & Blues from the 50-60’s, Top 40 Dance, Classic Rock, Old School & Disco.

Nov 28th to Dec 1st **“American Made”** Female fronting a four-piece band playing a full variety of dance music for the 50-60’s, Top 40, Disco Country & Oldies.



# Miss CRIT Pageant showcases talent and beauty

## On This Page

**Right:** Samantha Rodriquez, Mohave Regalia. **Far Right:** Lauryn Miller, demonstrating her Navajo weaving skills. **Second Row Left:** Miss Contestants, (l-r) Hollie Holmes, Irene Soliz, and Talyia Carter. **Second Row Right:** Little Miss Crowning, Katherine Carlyle to Lauryn Miller. **Third Row Left:** Junior Miss Contestants (l-r) Mariah Charles, Jessi Swick, and Aileen Ameelyenah **Third Row Right:** Hollie Holmes, encourages the next generation of singers and dancers for her talent.

## Opposite Page

**Top Row Left:** Nizhoni Begaye, singing her song. **Top Row Middle:** Jessi Swick, Chemehuevi Basket Dance. **Top Row Right:** Mariah Charles, encourages the newly crowned Headstart Princess, Chloe Duckey. **Second Row Left:** CRIT Royalty of 2007-08 lead grand entry at the pow-wow. **Second Row Middle:** Junior Miss, Jaymee Moore to Mariah Charles. **Second Row Right:** Mariah Charles, Bird Dancing. **Third Row Left:** Proud Grandpa, Delano Carter (Leadership Award Winner) and Talyia, new Miss CRIT. **Third Row Right:** Little Miss Contestants, (l-r) Nizhoni Begaye, Ashley Nez, Samantha Rodriquez, Lauryn Miller.









# Heard Museum Series to focus on American Indian art, history and government; CRIT manager to speak in December

The Heard Museum Guild will conduct the newest in its series of talks aimed at educating members of the public about issues vital to American Indian communities. This season's series includes a variety of topics ranging from the incorporation of art into Zuni tribal schools, to one small tribe's fight for sovereignty and to save its land from destruction, to the traditions associated with music in sacred contexts among Arizona's Indian communities.

The first talk, scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2007, at 1 p.m., will feature Waylon Honga, Hualapai. Honga will discuss significant events and economic successes of the Hualapai Nation in northern Arizona. The Hualapai people occupy a one-million-acre reservation, which includes 108 miles of the Grand Canyon and the Colorado River. Honga is the chief operating officer of the Grand Canyon Resort Corporation (GCRC), a tribally-owned corporation. The GCRC oversees Hualapai River Running, the Hualapai Lodge/Restaurant and Grand Canyon West.

Honga received a bachelor's degree in business administration from Northern Arizona University in May 1994. He is a former tribal council member and currently serves on the Peach Springs Boys and Girls Club Advisory Board. Future speakers include:

**Monday, November 5, 2007 at 10 a.m.,**  
Vice President Bernadine Burnette, Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation. Burnette will discuss how Fort

McDowell has led the fight for political self-governance and local control, including a discussion of the Orme Dam struggle and the 1992 casino standoff with the FBI.

**Monday, December 10, 2007 at 1 p.m.,**  
Jay Cravath, Ph.D., who manages the Colorado River Indian Communities Education Department and author of *North American Indian Music* (Scholastic Library Publisher, 2002) will speak about sacred musical traditions in Arizona tribal communities.

**Monday, January 10, 2008 at 10 a.m.,**  
Robin N. Fohrenkam, president of the Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA). Fohrankam, Pima, will discuss AAITA's mission to help build tribal tourism and the upcoming Arizona Indian Festival.

**Monday, February 4, 2008 at 1 p.m.,**  
John S. Westerlund, Ph.D., author of *Arizona's War Town Flagstaff, Navajo Ordnance Depot and World War II* (University of Arizona Press, 2003), will discuss Navajo and Hopi ordnance workers who labored at the Navajo Depot in northern Arizona during World War II.

**Monday, March 17, 2008 (time TBD),**  
Gabriel Paloma, Zuni. Paloma, an art instructor at Zuni Pueblo, will showcase the incorporation of art studies into the Zuni educational system.

**Monday, April 7, 2008 at 10 a.m.,**  
Dave King, Mohawk. King will delve into the Mohawk Tribe's history and culture.



*Dr. Jay Cravath of the CRIT Education Department will speak at the Heard Museum in December.*

**WHEN:** Monday, October 15, 2007, 1 p.m. and continuing on selected Mondays through April 2008.

**WHERE:** Heard Museum, Encanto Room, Dorrance Education Center, 2301 North Central Avenue, Phoenix.

**COST:** Free and open to the public.

**INFO:** For more information, please call 602.252.8848 or visit [heard.org](http://heard.org).

## CRIT Birthdays and Announcements

Aug. 20 -- Happy belated birthday to Queenabella.

Aug. 17 -- Happy birthday to Andrea Lopez from your sister-in-law Teddie. Take a day off, kick back and enjoy it.

Aug. 18 -- Happy birthday to Ashley Reyna. Have fun, you OLD lady, hahaha.

Aug. 28 -- Happy birthday to ChaChay Fisher. Happy Birthday Sis, love, your sister Teddie.

Aug. 31 -- Happy birthday to Django Thompson from your sister-in-law. Can't wait to celebrate!

Sept. 2 -- Happy birthday to my sister Vianne Wilson, Love, your sister Berdette.

Sept. 5 -- Happy birthday to my nephew Nicholas Logan. Love, Auntie Berdette and cousins.

Sept. 11 -- Happy birthday to my brother Delwin McCowan. Love, your sister Berdette, your nephew Robert, Terry, nieces Daphnee, Tiffany and Judi.

Sept. 12 -- Happy birthday to my sister Goergina McCowan. Love, your sister Berdette, Nephew Robert, Nieces Daphnee, Tiffany and Judi.

Sept. 13 -- Happy birthday to Dixie McCowan. Love, Auntie Berdette.

Sept. 14 -- Happy birthday Jordan Robledo from the McCowan family.

Sept. 16 -- Happy birthday to Charlcia McCowan. Love, your sister Berdette, Nephews Robert, Terry, Nieces Daphnee, Tiffany and Judi.

Sept. 21 -- Happy Birthday to Michaela Cypress. Love, Grandma Berdette, Uncles Robert,

Terry and Aunties Daphnee, Tiffany and Judi.

Sept. 25 -- Happy birthday to Kelly Robledo. Love, Grandma Berdette.

November 7th -- Happy Birthday daddy (Joshua), lots of love Jayden (and the rest of us)

Happy Birthday Ron Charles, we love you daddy, love lala, riah, noah and Joshua

Happy Birthday Noah Steven, Love mom, dad, & your brother and sisters

Nov. 8 -- Happy birthday to Adarius. From your family on McCriters.com.

Nov. 12 -- Happy birthday to Cherelle Rosales. From your family on McCriters.com.

Nov. 8 -- Happy birthday to my grandson Donovan Scott. Love, Grandma Berdette, Mom and Dad, Uncles Robert and Terry and Aunties Daphnee and Tiffany.

Nov. 14 -- Happy birthday to Nathalia Scott. Love, Mom and Dad, Grandma Berdette, Unles Robert and Terry and Aunties Daphnee and Tiffany.

Nov. 11 -- Happy birthday to my Lela McCowan. Love, your sister Berdette, Nephews Robert and Terry and Nieces Daphnee, Tiffany and Judi.

Thank you to Ameila Flores for helping me with my Mohave language. Also a big thanks to Mitchell Sharp, Troy Townsend, Jr. and Dustin Yazzie for singing to me at the pageant and all their time they gave up for me to practice. Liz Falcon and Chris Roper from La Paz Pest Control for their help. Special thanks to my mom, Cindy Ameelyenah and My dad, Derrick. I love you both very much—Aileen Ameelyenah, 2nd Attendant, Jr. Miss CRIT.

## Employment Opportunity

BHPP/T Case Manager – EXCEL is currently recruiting for BHPP's and BHT's to work directly with adults, children and their families in our Parker office. Previous education and experience working in behavioral health is preferred. Job Specific training will be provided. Bilingual a plus. Starting pay: \$9.50 - \$14.00/hr.

Must be 21 years or older, have a HS Diploma/GED, and pass a fingerprint background check & drug test upon hire. Please visit our website at [www.excelgroup.org](http://www.excelgroup.org) for an employment application and fax it along with your resume and credentials to Bev Steffins in Human Resources at 928-329-8950. You may also visit us in person or mail this information to: the EXCEL group, Attn: Human Resources, 3250-A E. 40th Street, Yuma, AZ 85365. Positions will remain open until October 15, 2007.



# Message from Career Development Office: Congratulations to graduates; reminder to continuing students to be prepared

The Career Development Office would like to congratulate all those students who have completed their degree/ certification programs this year. Great job! To those continuing and new students, keep up the good work!

**REMINDER:** Students need to make sure the following are in place:

- Updated phone numbers and addresses
- New funding year applications. You must re-apply each funding term/ deadline.
- Upcoming deadlines: October 30, 2007 for Spring '08 term; June 30, 2008 for Fall '08 and Spring '08 Academic Year.
- Maintain your required credit and GPA requirements.

## CRIT EDUCATION CODE

The CDO has been going through a transition process this year. All CDO student applications are presented to the CRIT Education Committee (Committee) for review and approval. The Committee is an advisory board made up of five CRIT Tribal members. The Committee recently began implementing the CRIT Education Code. This has affected prior policy and procedures that have been in place for our student application process. Due to the fact that the code has never been fully enforced, the transition effort has been a challenging one. Our office has been working with the Committee and Tribal Council to ensure students' education schedules are not jeopardized or disrupted. This transition effort will continue until a revised, updated code is approved by the Committee and Tribal Council. Once approved, the code will be in full effect.

One area of the code currently being implemented is the Time Period for Financial Assistance. This affects the Fall 2007 students (first time students who have never received funding through the Tribe until this current term) and from this date forward, first time and new degree students. Returning/ continuing students will be waived under a "grandfather clause" and will be allowed to complete their current degree programs. The policy states students will be funded for the

following schedule: Semester limits = 10 semesters. Quarter limits = 15 quarters. After receiving a degree/ certification you must transition to a higher level degree.

Another area being implemented is funding for part-time students. Part-time students will be considered for books and supply costs only. Tuition costs will be paid by the student and reimbursed upon successful completion of courses.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

Please keep in mind that the application process is a lengthy one. Pay attention to the check-off list on our applications. You should begin the application process at least six months prior to the deadline. High School students need to begin preparing for college as soon as they enter high school by maintaining a 2.5 GPA and researching colleges. Applications will not be considered for funding if all required documents/ criteria are not in place by the deadline. The CDO is responsible for the application process only, approvals are not made by our office. Once your application is considered complete it will continue through the approval process which will take an additional six to eight weeks in time. All completed applications are presented to the Committee for approval. Once approved by the Committee, it is then presented to Tribal Council for final approval. Upon this approval, funding requests are then processed through the Accounting Department. Due to this timeline process, it is in the best interest of the student to begin planning for their education as early as possible.

The following are important items to become familiar with:

**What is GPA?** Grade Point Average – First time applicants MUST have a 2.5 GPA on their most recent high school or college transcript to be eligible for funding.

**What is an "Official Transcript?"** Your "OT" must be received by our office in a sealed envelope directly from the institution. OT's are embossed with the school's unique seal or raised marks. NO COPIES, FAXES OR UNSEALED OT'S WILL BE ACCEPTED.

**What does FAFSA stand for?** Free Application for Federal Student Aid – All students must complete the FAFSA – Current tax returns are needed for this

process. You can complete the online application at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

**What does SAR stand for?** Student Aid Report—A completed FAFSA provides a SAR, which is forwarded to the school the student will be attending. THIS MUST BE UPDATED EVERY YEAR.

**What does FANA stand for?** Financial Aid Needs Analysis - Based on the SAR, the FANA provides total school costs. Tribal funding is based on the student's official FANA. The FANA is completed by the school's financial aid office.

**When funded by CRIT are students "Well off" financially?** Students are considered for only the amounts the FANA indicates. It is inclusive of tuition, books/ supplies, transportation, room and board, personal and child care costs. Students and families need to prepare for any additional costs that may not be covered in the FANA amount such as large apartment/ house rental, car payments, insurance, etc. Any additional personal costs will be the responsibility of the student. Those students attending out-of-state institutions must keep in mind transportation costs are limited. It may not cover relocation costs to the out-of-state school. It does not cover travel expenses for holiday or semester breaks.

**What is meant by ACT/ SAT?**— Students must check with their schools to see if these placement tests are required prior to applying: American College Testing – English, Reading, Math & Science Reason. SAT – Standardized Test for College Admissions (formally Scholastic Aptitude Test) measures knowledge in : English, Math, History, Science & Language

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# CRIT members invited to Apache Women's Conference at Hon Dah

Whiteriver, Arizona—The White Mountain Apache Tribe is pleased to announce the 13th annual Apache Women's conference—Health Women: Heart of a Healthy Nation XIII.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend an invitation to community members to this one-of-a-kind event for women. The conference will take place Oct. 24-25 at Hon Dah, Arizona. There will be a pre-conference workshop, mini health fair, beauty consultants and a 5k run-walk beginning at 5:30 p.m. Oct. 23.

The theme for this year's conference is "Honoring

Our Past, Weaving a New Path." As in previous years, we encourage the women to wear their Native clothing for the duration of the conference.

The Apache Women's conference has always been about the women and for the women. It is the goal of the conference to empower the Apache women to make positive changes in their lives for themselves and their families.

The conference is unique because of the diversity of the people, which includes local people and visitors from afar. Tribes who have been in attendance include the Colorado River Indian Tribes, Mescalero Apache,

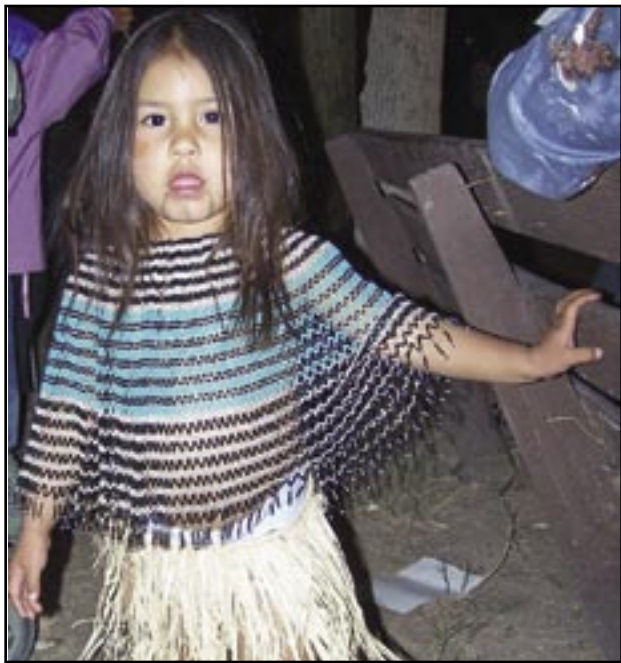
Jicarilla Apache, Fort Sill Apache, Tonto Apache, San Carlos Apache, Camp Verde Apache, Yavapai Apache and White Mountain Apache.

Highlights of the conference include: health fair expo, arts and crafts, business and health vendor exhibits, fashion show, contests for best native dress, Apache elderly panel, luncheon and masquerade party.

Early registration for the conference ended on Oct. 2. Late registration, which is open only if there is space available, will open the week of Oct. 22. For more information or to request a registration form, call (928) 338-4953.



# Native American Beautiful Baby Contest



## And the winners are...

### Cradleboard

First Place: K'than Ameelyenah  
Second Place: Amiah Burns  
Third Place: Joshua Miller

### Infant

First Place: Marilyn Lomayesva  
Second Place: Shi-Yaaz Hunter  
Third Place: Kaligah Chee

### Toddler

First Place: Rachel Skaggs  
Second Place: Alyssa Paddock  
Third Place: Ruby Burton

### Tiny Tot

First Place: Xavier Amaro  
Second Place: Veronica Webb  
Third Place: Kaylauni Jimenez

### Pee Wee

First Place: Timi Anderson  
Second Place: Lonetta Arres  
Third Place: Lolitaa Merideth Evanston

### Photo captions clockwise:

Cadence Flores; Toddler First Place Winner Rachel Skaggs; Names not available for second row photo on left; Pee Wee Second Place Winner Lonetta Arres,

# Native American artists sought for 2008 Arizona Indian Festival

*Three-day event provides opportunity to promote work to over 50,000 attendees*

PHOENIX – The Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA) is looking for qualified artisans to participate in the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival, January 18-20, 2008 at Steele Indian School Park in downtown Phoenix. A celebration of the state's unique and diverse tribal cultures, the Festival will include an Arts & Crafts Market where visitors can purchase authentic handcrafted items by American Indian artists from Arizona. Up to 300 artisans will be given the unprecedented opportunity to showcase their talents to interested parties from around the world.

The 2008 Arizona Indian Festival is expected to draw over 50,000 people over three days. All of the state's 22 American Indian tribes and nations will be represented, making the event a truly unique experience. AAITA has taken care to ensure that all elements of the Arizona Indian Festival stay true to the Native cultures that are found in the state. This

guarantee of authenticity prompted the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee to include the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival in their Super Celebration Series, a series of special events leading up to Super Bowl XLII in Glendale, Arizona.

"As one of the Arizona Super Bowl Host Committee's signature events, the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival will attract visitors locally, nationally, and worldwide," says Robin Fohrenkam, AAITA board president. "The artists chosen to exhibit in the Arts & Crafts Market will have a rare chance to share their work with a multitude of people specifically looking for genuine Arizona Native artwork."

To qualify for the Arts & Crafts Market at the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival, artisans must provide proof of registration with a federally recognized tribe of Arizona. Art displayed and sold in each booth must belong to the respective artisan; no third-party sales

contractors or stringers are allowed. Additional rules and regulations are outlined the application packet.

For an Arts & Crafts Market application or more information about the 2008 Arizona Indian Festival, contact June Shorthair at Red Note, Inc. (602-254-1952 or jms@rednoteinc.com).

About the American Indian Tourism Association The Arizona American Indian Tourism Association (AAITA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting, supporting and advancing the efforts of American Indian tourism in Arizona. The mission of the organization is to promote the development of American Indian tourism in Arizona while respecting the cultural integrity of tribes. AAITA enjoys the leadership of a diverse membership that includes participation by Arizona tribal entities, American Indian business entrepreneurs and diverse governmental and private agencies.



# CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program offers 16-week course designed to combat Indian Country epidemic

By Cindy Homer,  
Lead Recruiter, CRIT Diabetes Prevention Program

Diabetes is an epidemic in Indian Country.

How many times have you heard this statement? What do you think of when you hear this statement? Does it worry you? Do you think that it will never happen to you? Do you think about someone you know that has Diabetes? Do you even think about it at all?

Well, the Diabetes Prevention Program thinks about it everyday and we want to help you avoid becoming one of the statistics. Statistics from the Indian Health Service show why Diabetes is considered at epidemic proportions in Indian Country.

There are 561 Federally Recognized American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) Tribes in the United States with 3.3 million members. Out of the 3.3 million members, 16.3 % of the adults 19 and over are diagnosed diabetics and 1,758 AI/AN youth under age 19 are diagnosed diabetics. There has been a 68% increase in diabetes in Native youth age 15-19 from 1994-2004, and a 58% increase in native young adults age 20-29 from 1990-1998.

It used to be that diabetes was considered an adult-onset disease, typically contracted around the age of 40. But this is no longer true. Type 2 diabetes has changed from a disease of our grandparents and parents to a disease of our children. More and more of our children & young adults are being diagnosed diabetic everyday. While there are many reasons for this, the most significant risk factor is obesity according to the American Diabetes Association.

One of the reasons for this rise in children and young adult diabetes is the fast food industry and sedentary lifestyle of our children and young adults. It has become so easy to have a super-size drive-through dinner after a long hard day at work, and then we head home for the couch and the TV, computer or video games. No longer do we take a long leisurely walk or get any kind of exercise after dinner. Our children are not being taught about healthy eating, portion control or needing exercise on a daily basis to burn off the excess calories we are getting from fast foods.

This is where our Diabetes Prevention Program comes in. The Special Diabetes Program for Indians Diabetes Prevention Program has a 16- week diabetes

prevention curriculum, lifestyle coaching and behavior change activities, healthy eating practices and physical activity and weight management for those pre-diabetics in our community that are 18 years and over. We want to turn the statistics around and help our Native community become healthy, by making small lifestyle changes.

Come on in and check us out or give us a call and we will come to you.

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## CASINO GRANTS: New library for Quartzsite, a center for Salome

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benefit the general public, including public safety” or to the State’s Commerce and Economic Development Commission Local Communities Fund. The program is part of gaming compacts all participating tribes signed with the State of Arizona.

Using gaming revenue to help nearby communities like Salome and Quartzsite makes more sense for CRIT because there is more than enough need for help in the area, said Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr.

“We prefer to keep as much revenue in the local community as possible,” said Eddy Jr. “Quartzsite, La Paz County and Salome were in need and we are happy to be able to help. The new community center will be a tremendous asset for the entire area.”

The new community center broke ground in April.

Quartzsite Town Manager Dan Field approached the Tribes in September writing that children in his community were “paying a high price” because of an inadequate and overcrowded public library.

“When our children learn that their intellectual pursuits and recreation are an inconvenience, it does not inspire them to develop beneficially,” Field said. “We must inspire children to respect cultural diversity,

show reverence for the land and internalize positive values.”

Members of the Tri-Valley Improvement Association, a non-profit organization overseeing the construction of the new community center, expressed delight and surprise when CRIT representatives presented them with a check during a meeting Sept. 21 at the tribal offices. They were expecting a donation



CRIT Donation to Quartzsite, pictured from l. to r.: Herman York; Carolyn Guthrie; CRIT Vice-Chairman Eldrid Enas; Quartzsite Mayor Verlyn Michel; CRIT Treasurer Daphne Hill-Poolaw; Town Council Member Walt Akin.

of only \$45,000, according to TVIA member Teena Conrad.

“Such a generous donation, thank you very much,” Conrad said in an email.

The TVIA has since sent a certificate of appreciation to the Tribes.



From l. to r.: Gene Fisher, LaPaz County Supervisor; Jim Slawson, President of Tri-Valley Improvement Association; Mary Scott, LaPaz County Supervisor; Eldrid Enas, CRIT Vice-Chairman.

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## Community Health Representatives moves

The Colorado River Indian Tribes Community Health Representatives has moved to a new office to better serve and communicate with its patients.

The new office, which opened Oct. 1, is at 12201 Roosevelt Drive, Suite B.

Transportation to the Parker Indian Health Center was disrupted for a few days during the move, but is again available. CHR Manager Victoria Esquerra apologized for any inconvenience.

For more information about the CHR program, please call (928) 669-8187.



# ARMSTRONG,

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which will in turn make our community safer and more secure,” said CRIT Tribal Chairman Daniel Eddy Jr. “With Chief Armstrong’s long and distinguished background in law enforcement, and his deep roots in the community, he was clearly the best choice.”

Armstrong said he applied for the position after earlier searches did not produce a suitable candidate. He inherits a department that, because of attrition, is only at about half strength, a problem he hopes to correct quickly.

“The police department was having a tough time because there was no leadership,” Armstrong said. “I thought this was a time that I can be of help, so that’s the reason I put my hat in the ring.”

Although he does not predict an overnight transformation, Armstrong would like to see his force of 15—nine of whom are patrol officers – double in order to best perform its duties.

“The first big challenge is to recruit and hire people to fill those positions,” Armstrong said. “Quite a few people left as a result of lack of leadership. The biggest challenge is retaining people.”

Another issue that Armstrong has already begun to confront is response times to police calls and “being

proactive instead of reactive.”

“If you are out there trying to prevent crime instead of reacting to crime, it gives people a sense of security,” Armstrong said. “We’ve done that to some degree, being more visible along the road and patrolling in the valley area.”

Long-term goals for Armstrong include upgrading pay for officers to be more competitive with other departments. He also wants to improve ongoing training for officers. And, finally, Armstrong wants his officers to have a greater presence on the California side of the reservation.

“Because of a lack of manpower, we’re not fulfilling that requirement wholeheartedly,” Armstrong said. “There are a lot of households, a lot of tribal resources, and lot of non-tribal members who have quite a bit of investment in their properties. They need protection as well.”

Armstrong, a CRIT member who attended Parker High School began his law-enforcement career on his home reservation as well. In 1973 he was hired as a CRIT detention officer and later became a patrol officer. He joined the BIA as a law-enforcement officer in 1975, where he quickly rose up the ranks.

# EVICTON,

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32 years go by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at a price of \$100 per acre, or \$2,600 a year. Johnson has collected well over a half-million dollars a year in rent over the past six years. Johnson also operates a small shop on the property from which he pays the tribes a percentage of gross sales on alcohol and other goods.

CRIT Attorney General Eric Shepard said that these severely under-market-value leases with the BIA were common many years ago – a sore subject with many tribes that has sparked litigation -- and that one prime property along the banks of the Colorado, for example, is still being leased for \$200 a year.

Under the terms of the lease, CRIT and Johnson were to renegotiate the base rent in 2000, adjusting it to the current, fair market rental value of the property. Despite a series of appraisals and negotiations, CRIT and Johnson never reached an agreement on the annual base rent for the last six years of the lease.

The BIA appraised the fair market value at \$101,500 per year, while Johnson, having obtained his own appraisal, maintained that the land was worth only \$14,503. Johnson paid the Tribes \$14,503 in 2001 and 2002, then lowered the rent for himself back to \$2,600 a year. In 2006, he quit paying altogether.

According to CRIT records Water Wheel paid the Tribes only \$48,710 in base rent over the past seven years and \$33,019 in gross sales proceeds for a total of \$81,730. During that same period, Shepard estimated that Johnson took in well over \$5 million in gross receipts.

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